

DIARY OF HENRY TOLER BROWN

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WRITTEN IN 1897

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SYBIL BROWN WILKINSON, HENRY'S DAUGHTER, GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND EXPLANATION ON JUNE 17, 1977 OF THE ENTRIES IN THE DIARY:

1. Henry Brown's mother, Catherine Toler, died in childbirth in southern California leaving a newborn baby, Henry, age two, and an older sister. Henry's father was Lanseford Hastings and a brother of Laura Hastings Brown, Warren Brown's wife. At the mother's death, Warren and Laura took all three of the children. The newborn baby died, the older sister died at age 11 years, and Henry Toler was adopted by the Warren Browns.
2. Henry's family, mentioned so often in the diary, lived in Elam Brown's home on Hough Avenue where Sybil was born. The family:
  - Annie Willebrand Brown - Henry's wife
  - Estella - age 17 years
  - Lloyd - age 12 years - Died at age 29 years of meningitis (?)
  - Chester - age 8 years - Died at age 11 of a burst appendix  
after an operation on the kitchen table
  - Sybil - age 5 years
3. "Auntie" for whom Henry did the ranch work was Laura Brown, his mother by adoption. At Warren Brown's death in 1889, Henry quit law school in San Francisco to come home to care for Laura. Her ranch was 650 acres located along the present Brown Avenue.
4. Henry notes Grandma Hastings' death. This was Laura's mother who was living with her. She was paralyzed, fell out of her chair and her clothing accidentally caught on fire.
5. The grandmother in Oakland that the family visited so often was Annie's mother, Grandma Willebrand.

6. Temescal, mentioned as a stopping place on the way home from Oakland where the horses were shod and wagons mended, was a little village between Oakland and Berkeley. It may have been near the present Lake Temescal just before the long pull up the grade of Fish Ranch Road to Lafayette.
7. The "old Church" mentioned for storing hay was located on the corner of Oakland Avenue and Mt. Diablo Boulevard where the bank is now. The "brothers and sisters" in the diary were of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, of which Henry was a member. Sybil said it was a fairly large building and when it was not in use, Henry stored hay in it.

H.T. Brown

Christmas  
Present

from

Chester

Christmas 1896



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Jan. 1

Frost in morning. Sunshine all day. A beautiful beginning for the new year. Took song over to Shreve's. Had chicken dinner and plum pudding. Ada Shreve came over to practice songs. Undora Keele called. Made appointment to practice songs at Shreve's tomorrow evening at 6:30 or 7 p.m. Lloyd and I did the chores.

Jan. 2

Frost & ice. Got up at 6 A.M. Lloyd & I left for Oakland in buggy with Jim & Nell about 9:30 A.M. Got interest money 14.00. Got Lloyd's watch, my gun, 50¢, Annie's hat, 2.50 & gloves, 1.00. Had lunch at the Arlington. Left for home about 3:30. Got home 5:40, p.m. Ada Shreve came to practice song. Stella went to elocution class. Paid Mrs. Wilson 1.00 on lessons.

Jan. 3

Heavy frost & ice. Got up 6:30. Did chores, cleaned harness and at 10:30 A.M. Annie, Stella & I left in carriage for Walnut Creek to go to the E. Church. Got there 10 to 11. Ada & I sang "Deal Gently with the Evening". Came home. Had dinner and went to church here. I sang again in Church, "The Half Has Never been Told". Had plum pudding for supper.

Jan. 4

Hitched up before dinner to buggy. After dinner took Annie & Stella to Mrs. Wilson's. The boys & I went on to the oil well at Joe Allen's place. Stayed till nearly 5 p.m.

Jan. 5

Beautiful day. Like Spring. I helped Annie wash. George hauled 2 tier to Bill Chiddgy & hauled 1 tier for me & some dry backlogs. Mrs. Wilson called with price for Stella. Annie ironed & baked bread in evening. Getting ready to go to Oakland with Stella to stay a few days.

Jan. 6

Left for Oakland in carriage. Annie, Stella, Sybil & I, at 11 A.M. and George. Got to Oakland about 1 p.m. Had lunch at the Arlington. Took Annie & Stella to Mrs. Pritchard's. Took valise & box down to Jack's. Then took Annie & Stella & Sybil to Sr. Baker's. Got home at 6:15 p.m. Had supper at Auntie's & Lloyd & I went to prayer meeting. Chester Stayed all night with Auntie. Got letter from Cousin Belle Stevens.

Jan. 7

Lloyd got breakfast, I got up at nine A.M. Got Jane shod. Had dinner about 3 p.m. Lee came & put on load of hay (15 bales) for tomorrow. After supper Will Hough cam over with his violin & guitar and we played and sang and had a pleasant evening. George got home from town about 2 P.M. today.



Jan. 8

Got up at 5 A.M. Had breakfast for Lee at 6 A.M. He left for Oakland with load of hay at 6:45 A.M. Boys washed the dishes. Sam the butcher answered Bella's letter. Lee got home about 5 P.M. Brought a sack of barley. Gave Lloyd & Chester baths & took bath myself.

Jan. 9

Heavy Frost. Got up 5:30 A.M. Lloyd, Chester & I went to Oakland in wagon after the folks. Got off at 9:30 A.M. Got to Oakland 11:45. Got Chester's hair cut. Got shaved. Got washing. Met Annie, Stella & Sybil. Got Chester a hat. Went to Jack's for dinner & bundles. Annie & Stella got new coats the day before. Got home at 7 p.m.

Jan. 10

Got up late. George cleaned out the stable. Annie & I went to Church. Annie wore her new coat. Lee put on load for town. 15 bales hay. Wilson's cow was eating at the load of hay & I tied her up.

Jan. 11

Got up at 5 A.M. Got Lee's breakfast. Lee left about 6:45 A.M. Took load to White. School commenced. After lunch I took gun & went out in pasture on Fred to hunt & look after the stock. Betsy had a calf. Dori had lost hers, I think. Lee got home about 4 & put on 16 bales. I went over to Will Hough's & practiced songs.

Jan. 12

In the morning I got Lee's breakfast. He left about 6:45. Got Fred shod behind. Got the mail & went over to Judge Simpson's Court where Possett was being examined for Burglary. Lee got home at 4 p.m. Greased wagon, but did not put on load as it was drizzling. It rained during the night. Lee took hay to White.

Jan. 13 Snowy Cooler

Got up only in time to get children to school. Helped Geo. saw tree down. After school Chester & Stella went over to Ada Shreve's & practiced songs for Mrs. Thomson's Social.

Jan. 14 Foggy Cooler

Went out hunting & shot some Robins. Will Hough came over with his violin in the evening and we practiced songs.

Jan. 15 Clear Cold

Auntie & I went to town in spring wagon. Mr. Moore went with us. Auntie got her interest money \$18.65 and I collected of White balance due. Got potatoes 75¢ sack sugar 1.00 syrup 85 gal's. Got shaved. Got home about 6 p.m.



Jan. 16 Drizzly Cold

Annie made cakes for social. Chester & I went to Shreve's to practice songs. Cleared up about 6 p.m. & moon shone bright. All went to Mrs. Thomson's Social. Had a nice time. Chester sang "Denny Murphy's Daughter Nell". I sang "The Little Lost Child" with violin & piano.

Jan. 17 Clear Cold

Did not get up till late. Geo. & boys & I drove Betsy down found Dora's calf, Strawberry and White Tail with bull calves. Annie, Stella, Sybil & I went to Church in P.M. Also Annie & I in the evening to hear Bro. Streeter.

Jan. 18 Foggy Cold

Got up at 5:30 & got Lee's breakfast. Pump froze! Thomson's horses got at load of hay. Lee took load of hay to White. We went in P.M. over to Millie's. Had tea over there. Lee got home about 4 p.m. Put on load of oat hay from big barn for Baker. 15 bales.

Jan 19 Foggy Cold

Heavy frost. Got up at 5:15. Got Lee's breakfast. He left about 7 o'clock with hay for Baker.

Lee put on load. It began to sprinkle & I had him drive load around to barn. All went to party at Peter Thomson's.

Jan. 20 Clear Cold

Got Lee's breakfast & helped him out of barn. Left in buggy for Oakland at 8:15 A.M. Annie went with me. Collected of Bartlett's for hay & of White. Paid Kahn \$19.85. Had lunch at Arlington. Drove down to Jack's. Got home about 8 p.m.

Jan. 21 Foggy Cold

Annie went around & invited neighbors to candy-pull. Lloyd to O.K. invitation on Nell. Annie & I worked all P.M. getting ready for party. About 30 came to candy-pull. Had excellent program, & all had a good time.

Jan. 22 Foggy Cold

Got up only in time to get children to school. All had dinner at Millie Stevens.

Jan. 23

Foggy. Very cold. Paid Mrs. Wilson \$1.00 on Stella's lessons. Jennie Bickerstaff came back from S. Jose.

Jan. 24 Foggy Cold

Practiced Quartette at Mrs. Will Thomson's at 1 p.m. Went to church at 2:30. I sang "Come into the Ark". All went to church but Lloyd. Annie & I went to church in evening to hear Bro. Streeter.

Jan. 25

Clear. Warm. Lee went to Oakland with hay to White. I helped Annie wash. Chester, Sybil & I took walk to ranch in P.M. Practiced Quartette at Thomson's.

Jan. 26

Foggy. Cold. Lee plowed lots. Took cold & did not feel well all day.

Jan. 27

Rainy. Cold. Northeast wind. Went to Oakland in buggy. Called at Bradley's & Waite's & collected for load of hay at White's. \$14.00. Put \$20.00 in bank for Geo. Lee plowed lot & pruned vines till noon. Got flour & etc. at Olson's. Got bread for Millie & ourselves at Cape Ann Bakery. Got home about 5 p.m.

Jan. 28 Cloudy Warmer

Annie went up to Mrs. Wilson's in buggy. P.M. Lloyd & I went to W.C. in buggy. Stella practiced in church. Dentist appointment put off till Feb. 6. I practiced Quartette at Mrs. Will Thomson's in evening with Mr. Wilson & Miss Bickerstaff & Mrs. Thomson. "Come Where the Lillies Grow".

Jan. 29 Rainy Warmer

Stella got oranges at Shreve's 15¢ doz.

Jan 30 Cloudy Warmer

Lloyd took Pat & Blaze to pasture at Ranch. We did not go to Thomson's to practice on account of rain. Raining tonight, so Stella did not go to class.

Jan. 31 Rainy Warmer

Got oranges of peddler, 3 doz, 25¢. Rain nearly all day. Read books. Stella & I made a cake. And the children & I made candy. Walnut & coconut & chocolate creams. Raining again tonight.

Feb. 1 Clear Warm

Helped Annie wash. Raining again tonight.

Feb. 4

Mrs. Wilson called and decided to postpone the entertainment till the 13th of February. Rained hard all night.

Feb. 5 Rainy Cold

This morning creeks overflowed. Had to take children to school in cart.



Feb. 7 Clear Cold

The boys & I took Barney, Kate & Jane to the pasture. Found Brooks heifer had a heifer calf & Lloyd's cow a bull calf. 5 calves in pasture now.

Feb. 8 Clear Cold

Went to Oakland, took Annie & Sybil. Went to Jack's and had lunch. Got Stella a slate.

Feb. 9 Clear Warmer

Went to Ranch to drive out horses & cattle. Put 7 head horses in back pasture. Found someone had stolen pickets and boards from orchard fence. Robbie Ward came for old Frank. Fixed fence at ranch.

Feb. 10

Went to Hammett's and accused the man of taking my pickets and boards and ordered him to return them. Had Nell's shoe reset. Lead the prayer meeting in evening. Had bible reading on we belief.

Feb. 11

Almost a rain. Wrote to Gen. Dickenson of Mr. Belshaw. P.M. helped carry staging up to church.

Feb. 12

Went to Oakland in buggy. Called at Ward's & got pay for Old Frank. Called for Grandma but she would not come out. Got haircut & shave. Got gloves for myself & mittens & rubbers for Lloyd & Chester. Got flowers for Stella to wear at entertainment.

Feb. 13

Chester & Sybil & I went up to Jennie Bickerstaff's. Stella went to practice at 1 o'clock at Church. We all went to Mrs. Wilson's Entertainment at Church in evening. Stella recited & took a prominent part. Chester & I sang. Took in \$10.95 at door.

Feb. 14

Showers in forenoon. P.M. Annie & I went to church. Dr. Dillie's lecture was postponed till Feb. 25. After church called on Ed & Eva Lasor. Stella got supper.

Feb. 15

Worked in flower garden pruning roses & spaded up bed next to the house in front. Evening Annie, Chester, Sybil & I went up to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson's and spent the evening. Lloyd & Stella spent the evening at Mrs. Keel's.

Feb. 16

Rained so could not go to Walnut Creek to sing in W.E. Church at a lecture by Bro. Darling. Dora & Jimmie Keel came over & spent the evening. Made candy for the children.

Feb. 17

P.M. Went out in pasture on Nell. Found Chester's cow with a bull calf & Susie with heifer calf.

Feb. 18

Snow on Mt. Diablo. Took a bath before breakfast. Children took lunch to school. Reading Monte Christo. Reading Robinson Crusoe and a library book to the boys. Stormy all day & tonight.

Feb. 19

Rain, hail, thunder, cold. More snow on the mountain and some on the hills. Mended dishes with cement. Reading Monte Christo. Went to Ranch on Nell after supper. Read "Little Lord Fauntleroy" to Chester. Finished reading Crusoe to Lloyd.

Feb. 20

Read most of the day. Mrs. Wilson called in evening. Stella went to class with Mrs. Wilson.

Feb. 21

Got up at 8:30. Wheeled in gravel around pump side of house and path and hitching post. Boys helped. P.M. Annie, Stella, Sybil & I went to church. Ethel Thomson came home with us to look at some music. Ed & Eva Lasar called in evening & Lee Hunsaker. Read a couple of hours before going to bed.

Feb. 22

Frost. Got up at 8:30. Greased wagon & buggy and got horses ready to go to Football game at Walnut Creek in P.M. After lunch went to W.C. to football game. Got home about 5 p.m. Annie & I went to Mrs. Bickerstaff's in evening.

Feb. 23

Warm in the day. Went up to Mr. Wilson's to see if he would sing in quartette at W.C. Thursday evening. P.M. Had shoe put on Nell in front. Lee H. came in the evening. Miss Donner & Miss Bickerstaff called.



Feb. 24

Heavy frost in day. Annie & Sybil & Lee Hunsaker went to Oakland with me in wagon. Got \$5.00 of Mr. White & Sk barley 90¢. After lunch at Arlington, called at office. Got Lloyd pants, 1.00, Chester shoes, 1.25, Stella corset, .35. Bill of goods at Kahn's. Got home about 3. Went over to Bickerstaff's to practice songs.

Feb. 25

Frost in morning. Annie & Sybil & I went up to Leonard Wilson's & to John A Wilson's. Met Mrs. Dr. Plumb. Had dinner at Mrs. J.A. Wilson's. Got home about 3 p.m. Left for W.C. about 7 p.m. to attend lecture by Dr. Dillie. Took Miss Griffin & Eva Lasar. Sang in Quartette "With the Tide". Got home about 10:30 p.m.

Feb. 26

Frost in morning. Spaded in flower garden and planted rose slips from Wilson's.

Feb. 27

All hands went to Martinez. Lloyd rode his wheel. Auntie went with us. Took lunch. Cleaned out weeds & planted flowers & dug around those already growing. Went by Pacheco & W.C. both ways as the back road was so bad. Got home about 5 p.m. After supper Stella went to her class & I went to Shreve's & practiced songs for church.

Feb. 28

Lloyd & I went to the ranch and got up the work horses. Saw a wildcat with a rabbit. Geo. cleaned out the barn. P.M. Shaved & dressed for church. After dinner Annie & I went to church. I sang "O! Christian Awake". Mr. & Mrs. Wilson called while we were at church. Lee greased wagon & fed horses.

March 1

Stormed all night. Hail this morning. Snowing all day. Took Pat, Jack & Kate back to the pasture. Put glass in front room window from old church.

March 2

Sunshine & showers. Put boards around the flower beds, from the front gate towards the creek.

March 3

Cleaned up garrett & pasted cloth on the walls & ceiling. Picked up junk to take to town next day. Went up to Mrs. Bickerstaff's in evening with songs.

March 4

Got up at about 6 A.M. Loaded wagon with 13 sacks of rags, 70 sacks, old iron, etc. Started about 8:30. Got as far as front gate & double trees on wagon broke. Came back & put in another pair. It was raining then, so did not go. Put out the team. Lloyd took Barney & Jane to Ranch.

March 5

Left about 8:20 A.M. for Oakland, rained on us both going down & coming home. Got groceries, sold junk. Annie & Sybil went down to Jack's on car. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson stopped on way home from town. Got Auntie sk potatoes. Sold butter, 25¢ per roll. Rained & stormed all night.

March 6

Snow on Mt. Diablo again. Rained all day. Stella & I made a couple of cakes. Hailed this evening & thunder & lightning.

March 7

Frost. Chopped wood with boys - dry willow. Eva called in P.M.

Snow on mountain. Fixed lounges. In evening went to Bickerstaff's with Thomsons & Lasars.

March 9

Helped Annie wash blankets & comforters. P.M. Hitched up to wagon and called on Mr. & Mrs. Wilson. Sang some songs. Called at Eva's & Ed's in evening. Annie & I.

March 10

Partly cloudy. Practiced songs. P.M. shaved. At 4:30 Eva came over to practice songs & Ada Shreve played for us. In evening went to church to hear Eld. Kerby.

March 11

Cold nights. Went to pasture and drove up the cattle. George white-washed upstairs. P.M. Geo & I went to Ranch and killed 2 calves, Dora's & Strawberry's. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson called & spent the evening. Also Ada Shreve, Eudora Keel & Mr. & Mrs. Lasar.

March 12

Warm in the day. Took calves to town. Eva Lasar went with us. Sold calves for 7 cts at Steinbeck's. P.M. Annie & I & Sybil went to the city. Called on Mrs. Holt. Got Stella a dress at the Emporium. Got home about 9:30 or 10 p.m.



March 13

Went to Ranch for Dora. Took Rose & calf up to Ranch. Drove up the work horses and drove back Rose & Dora. P.M. after lunch went up and got the horses. Boys helped me. Then cleaned & dressed up and went up to Bickerstaff's to practice songs. After supper called at Thomson's & went over to the school house.

March 14

Worked fixing up garret in A.M. Lee & I went over to Charles Hill to see the road. P.M. Went to church. Moved bed from Stella's room.

March 15

Cloudy in P.M. Helped Annie make cakes. Fixed up garret. Practiced songs with Eva. Mrs.            called. Lee loaded hay for Oakland. Rained during night.

March 16

Went to town in spring wagon for ice & to bring our folks to the social. Miss Crowley came out with me. Got 130 lbs ice,  $\frac{1}{2}$  case oranges. Got home about 4 p.m. Hung lamp lanterns and got ready for social. Over 100 came to social. Had good program. Did not get to bed till after 1 o'clock.

March 17

Frost. Got up late. Made ice cream again. Mrs. Thomson, Shreve, & Keel came over to help wash up dishes. P.M. Took things home borrowed. Went to Mr. Wilson's & to Mr. Darling's, Walnut Creek. Paid him proceeds of the social, \$29.00. Miss Crowley went with us.

March 18

Frost. Got up late. Made ice cream again. Millie called. Got the mail. Aunt Lucindia called. P.M. Went to ranch & got up cattle. Killed calves, Lloyd's cow's & White Tail's. Lee helped us.

March 19

Frost. Lloyd & I came to town with 2 calves. Ed Lasar came with us. Went to city and got Lloyd a coat at Raphael's, 7.50, slippers 2.50. Lasar came back with us. Got home about 9:30. Made an appointment with Dr. Turner for Estella for Monday A.M.

March 20

Heavy frost. Stella & I got lunch & supper. In evening Stella & I went to meeting at Mrs. Giles building, about building a hall. Organized a Library Society. I was elected president, Mr. Wilson Secretary.

March 21

Miss Crowley finished sewing, paid her \$4.50. Stella & I brought Miss Crowley home. George came with us & drove the team back. Stella & I stayed down. Estella & I went to 1st Presbyterian Church. Heard Com. Booth Tucker. Estella stayed with Miss Crowley. I stopped at Baker's.

March 22

Estella went to dentist. Lee came in with food tray to Rhodes & Dobbie. George brought folks over in spring wagon. Auntie came. All had dinner at Arlington. Paid Geo. 50¢ on acc't. Paid Dr. Turner \$10.00 on Estella's teeth. All got home about 7 p.m. Lloyd got supper for Lee.

Got breakfast for Lee and came to Oakland with him. While waiting at White's engaged call to Fulton market for 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ for Friday. Also to call at Stern's to let him know about cow. After Lee came with hay I went up town & had dinner & went by Yard. Engaged load Auntie's hay. Stayed all night at Jack's. Paid Dr. Turner \$15.00 bill on Stella's teeth.

March 24

Met Lee at Temescal. Jack came out on wheel. Sold load of Auntie's hay to Chieftain Stables. Had dinner at Arlington and rode home with Lee on hay wagon. After supper Lloyd went to ranch on Nell & drove up cattle and left them in corral about 8:30 P.M.

March 25

Pleasant in the day. Got up at 5 & got breakfast for Lee. Lee took hay to White. Drove Rose & Dove up to ranch. P.M. worked in garden. Got new rake at Shreve's. Paid bill at Shreve's, \$2.50. Annie went up to Mrs. Wilson's in wagon. After supper, killed Chester's cow's calf & drove cows down.

March 26

Took calf on hay wagon to town to Fulton Market. Got 7¢. Annie & Auntie went to Martinez in buggy to Marg Brown's funeral. Traded for timber at Humboldt Lumber Co. for fence for Auntie. Got home about 7 p.m.

March 27

Went to Martinez in buggy after Auntie. Rained on us all the way home. Raining hard tonight. Stormy all night.

March 28

High wind. Left home at 1:15 to go to Mr. Wilson's to dinner. All went in spring wagon. Spent the evening and came home about 9:30 p.m. Very cold and windy all day and snowing.



March 29

Got up late. Mended pants & sewed buttons on pants, vests & overcoats. Fixed fence up by old church. Went to bed early.

March 30

Cloudy in P.M. Got Kate shod all round. Fixed spring on big hay wagon. P.M. Spaded in flower garden. old eggs 10¢ per doz & butter 20¢ a roll to peddler.

March 31

Annie & Chester went to Oakland with Mr. Wilson. I spaded & hoed in garden. Planted peas, cabbage, tomatoes & radishes. P.M. Showery. Rained hard during night. Very windy.

April 1

Sybil & I went to Oakland in old carriage. White paid me for last load hay. Annie & Chester came home with me. Got home at 11 p.m.

April 2

Got up late, all have colds. Hoed in garden. Stella went to class. Chester was sick tonight. I took a bath.

April 3

West wind. Was sick all night with a bad cold in the head. Annie also, Stella & I had dinner at Aunties. After supper Stella & Lloyd went to meeting at Mrs. Giles building.

April 4

Forenoon shaved and churned for Annie. P.M. Went to Church. Stella, Lloyd & I. Lee finished pruning the vines. 3/4 of day. Lee put on load of Auntie's hay to take to White.

April 5

Lee took hay to White. Annie, Chester, Sybil & I went to Oakland in old carriage. I went to mill & helped Lee get the rest of fencing. Could not see Dr. Brinkerhoff. Saw Dr. Todd. Got groceries & 3 choice roses. Got bucket. Old carriage broke. Got home about 7.

April 6

Showery in evening. Lee put load hay in shed. Cleared up in P.M. Lee took horses to ranch.

April 7

Went to Oakland in wagon. Auntie & Chester went. Took Chester to Dr. Brinkerhoff, oculist. He said sight of one eye was very much impaired. Got Chester hat & both boys cowboy hats. Auntie sold butter & eggs & got groceries & I got lolas, pinks & jilly flower. Got home about 5 p.m.

April 8

Got up at 5 A.M. Went to Oakland in buggy. Took Chester to Dr. for his eyes. Went to planing mill and paid for turning posts. Had dinner at the Arlington. Got Chester a suit for \$1.25. Brought home Lee. 25¢ for ice cream. Miss Donner called. Lee got up the horses. Got home about 5 p.m.

April 9

Got up at 5:30. Lee took load hay to Rhodes & Dobbie. Took buggy to Shreve & called at Ed & Eva's. After lunch Annie, Chester, Sybil & I went up to Mrs. Wilson's in spring wagon. Brought buggy home from shop. Lee brought back sack of barley. Lee took four horses to ranch.

April 10

Chester & I came to Oakland in buggy. Miss Donner came with us. Got shaves & hair cuts. Dr. Brinkerhoff gave order for glasses for Chester. Rhodes & Dob paid for load hay. Got syrup of White Pine. Got home about 4 p.m. Chester was taken sick after we got home.

April 11

Chester was quite ill this morning. I killed a chicken for him.

April 23

I went to Oakland in spring wagon.

April 24 Clear & warm

Had an entertainment at old Church. Estella took part in two farces. Mrs. Grey played piano. Mr. Grey sang. Had ice cream & lemonade. Total receipts \$12.20.

May 1

Annie & all the children & I went to the City. Got casting for mower, glasses for Stella & Annie, doll for Sybil & baby buggy. Got home about 9 p.m.

May 2

Foggy in A.M. Warmer. Kate backed off bridge. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson called in evening.

May 3

Went to Martinez to road meeting. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson went with us. Had lunch on bluff in front of Judge J 's. Took flowers up to cemetery.

May 4

Commenced to cut hay. Lee & I mowed in back field.



May 5

Mowed in back field. Frank Garrant raked. Had lunch at Lee's. Lloyd brought it down in cart. Annie went to Oakland & the City & got knife grinder at Baker & . Ruth Baker came out.

May 6

Still mowing in back field. Stella sick with tonsillitis. P.M. Broke shaft to mower. Took mower to shop to be welded.

May 7

Left early - 5:30 for city to change knife grinder. Got Dutton knife grinder. Got ice for Stella.

May 8

Had ice cream for dinner.

May 9

I mowed in the A.M. George trimmed hay. Ruth & I went to church in P.M.

May 10

Annie took Ruth home. Lee came back from Wilson's to mow in the afternoon.

June 18

Looks like rain. Lee came down with horses & wagons. P.M. All came home from camp meeting. Annie & Lloyd picked blackberries for 2 pies.

June 19

Showery & cold. After sundown went to George's & got 181 bales rope at 5-3/4¢.

June 20

Rode out in pasture. Met Mr. Watts. He wanted to leave his bull on pasture at 1.00 per month. He had been in 1 month already. Earthquake today. P.M. All went in spring wagon to Mr. Watts & got cherries. Got \$2.00 worth of Royal Annes, put them up to save, making 28 quarts.

June 21

Hay bales went to work. Got 3 more bales rope. Killed Carrie's calf.

June 22

Took calf to Oakland. Rained on me going down to Oakland.

June 23

Cloudy & foggy. Cool. Got 4 coils of rope at George's. Got axle grease. P.M. Annie & I went to S and got about 6 qts. of blackberries. Balers finished in front field, about 6:30, and went to Hadley Ranch.

June 24

Hay balers put 4 horses in field or pasture.

June 26

Thomson put new tires on hay wagon on hind wheels, & spring under seat.

June 29

Thomson set 1 front wheel on hay wagon & reset tires on hind wheel he set Saturday. Put on 12 shoes on horses.

July 26

Went to Oakland. Annie, Sybil & Johnnie went with me. P.M. Took first lesson from Jimmie Toler. Brought home 2 barrel of flour & crate of blackberries & some currants and raspberries.

July 27

Helped Annie put up berries.

July 29

Took Mrs. Fisher & Pearly to Oakland. Lloyd went also. Had his hair cut. P.M. Took 2nd lesson from Prof. Toler. Brought home ice for Lloyd's birthday.

Aug. 2

Commenced using the flour of the 2 barrels we bought. Took 3rd lesson from Prof. Toler.

Aug. 5

P.M. Took lesson from Prof. Toler

Aug. 9

Paid Thomson bal. on old bill \$43.83. P.M. Took vocal lesson.

Aug. 11

Hauled hay to old church. Took bath at bedtime.



Aug. 12

P.M. Took lesson and practiced songs. Got song at Clark Wise's. Brought home a grindstone.

Aug. 16

Mrs. Wilson went with us to Oakland. Sold load of apples & prunes for \$2.65. P.M. 2:30 took vocal lesson.

Aug. 18

Went to Oakland in buggy. Changed top shelves on  
P.M. Took lesson of Toler & practiced songs.

Aug. 19

Practiced songs at Shreve's at noon. Dell Baker & Ward brought out heifer to pasture. Went to Danville to Mrs. W's entertainment. Got home 1:45 A.M.

Aug. 20

Took Mr. Wilson's horses home. Took Mrs. Madden, Auntie & Grandma up to Grant's. Leonard Wilson hauled last load hay from field to town to Simpson Berkeley.

Aug. 22

Met Ada Roth & C. Hunsaker at Temescal.

Aug. 23

Went to Oakland in buggy. P.M. Took lesson.

Aug. 26

Took 6 boxes pears (\$2.50) & 1 box apples (.40) & 2 boxes prunes (.80).  
P.M. Took lesson. 1 doz pint jars. Got kitchen table.

Aug. 28

Went to Doctor's Show at Mrs. Gile's Hall.

Aug. 29

Took Strawberry to the Bull. Mrs. & Edwin Atkinson called.

Aug. 30

P.M. Took lesson.

Sept. 1

Took load hay to Osgood H

Sept. 2

P.M. Took lesson. Got song. Brought ice out.

Sept. 3

Made ice cream for Estella's birthday. Estella's schoolmates & teacher came over after school to ice cream party. Annie, Estella & I went to concert at Presbyterian Church in Walnut Creek. Miss Taylor sang.

Sept. 4

Put up blood peaches this evening.

Sept. 5

Got peaches, prunes & at Lee's. P.M. Put up clingstone peaches. Boys picked apples. George brought up 4 boxes Auntie's pears.

Sept. 6

Left for Oakland 7 A.M. Took fruit down. Took lesson & had lunch at my uncle's. P.M. Annie got glasses for herself & Estella. Stopped at Devlin's on way home.

Sept. 7

Leonard hauled hay to White.

Sept. 8

Leonard took hay to White. Chester was sick. Went over to Devlin's. Miss Crowley did not come. P.M. Went to Walnut Creek to see about getting a new pump. Got ice for Chester.

Sept. 9

Leonard took hay to Osgood. Made ice cream. All went to Oakland. Endora Keel went with us. She & Estella had pictures taken at Smith's. Had lunch at Blair's Park. Got home about dark.

Sept. 10

Rested. Did not do much. Took horses to Ranch.

Sept. 11

Rested.

Sept. 12

Lloyd & I went hunting at Ranch. Got 4 doves & 2 squirrel. P.M. Went up to Mrs. Wilson's camp. Auntie went with us.

Sept 13

Took bath. Took down load of Auntie's apples. Took lesson. Got terracotta for kitchen - living and wall paper. Oil cloth for under the stove.



Sept. 14

Partly made platform for underneath stove. P.M. Went to W.C. to get new pump \$9.00. Sold old pump for \$1.00. Put in new pump. Estella went with Endora to prayer meeting.

Sept. 15

Went to ranch in A.M. P.M. finished stove platform and put it under the new stove. Put top on back of new stove. Paid Thomson's blacksmith bill \$58.00.

Sept. 16

Went to Oakland. Josephine Hall went with Annie & I. Did not take a lesson on account of a cold. Got prices on windmills, tanks, etc. Got a new hose for garden. Got my mother's picture.

Sept. 17

A.M. Went to Ranch, fixed fence. P.M. Watered garden.

Sept. 18

Rested.

Sept. 19 Sunday

A.M. Papered ceiling in dining room. Mr. Kimble came to see about the windmill. P.M. Helped George cut willow tree.

Sept. 20

Got up Jane and went Oakland by way of Moraga Valley & new road to Brooklyn. Took bellflower apples for Auntie. Took lesson. Josephine Hall came home with us.

Sept. 21

Finished papering dining room. Shingled hole in roof.

Sept. 22

Put up \_\_\_\_\_ in kitchen. P.M. Cut hole in wall for terracotta. Annie sized ceiling.

Sept. 23

Worked on putting up terracotta pipe. P.M. Papered kitchen, finished at 10 p.m.

Sept. 24

Painted dining room. Annie & Mrs. Osgood washed. P.M. Painted kitchen.

Sept. 25 Saturday

Rested.

Sept. 26 Sunday

Finished putting up the Terracotta. Stove pipe on outside of house.  
Finished painting & put down dining room carpet.

Sept. 27

Took load belflower apples to Oakland. Took lesson. Brought Annie  
& Miss Crowley out. Got ice for Chester's birthday.

Sept. 28

Made ice cream for Chester's birthday.

Oct. 6 Wednesday

Took things up on Ranch to camp. Lloyd shot 3 quail.

Oct. 7

Went up early to the camp with Lloyd & Chester.

Oct. 10 Sunday

P.M. Came down from the hill at Ranch from camping with the boys.  
All had baths.

Oct. 11

Got ready & went to town. Chester & I. Annie, Stella & Sybil came  
home with us.

Oct. 12

Picked almonds at home.

Oct. 13

Cleaned out well. Miss B. & G. called in evening.

Oct. 14

Went to Oakland. Dr. filled 2 teeth. P.M. Went to City and  
saw about windmills and tanks.

Oct. 15

Went up on hill at Ranch to camp.

Oct. 18 Monday

Took a lesson. Paid for all lessons for month. \$3.00. Except one  
today.



Oct. 25 Monday

P.M. Took lesson

Oct. 28

P.M. Took lesson. Got new song "The Good Shepherd".

Nov. 10 Wednesday

Went over to Smith's to see about getting seed wheat. :.M. Went after seed wheat at Smith's. Lloyd went with me. Got 20 sacks 2930lbs. at \$1.47 $\frac{1}{2}$  \$43.20.

Nov. 12

Went to Berkeley & Oakland. Came back Wagner Road to Simmons's. Got 6 sacks barley 687 lbs. at .92---\$6.30.

Nov. 13 Saturday

P.M. Went to Martinez to get statement of taxes.

Nov. 14

Williams came for cattle - steer & calf. I helped drive them to Walnut Creek. Settled Willie Williams up to date & he paid bal. due \$13.00.

Nov. 15

Took Auntie's apples & 1 doz hens & chickens to Oakland. Brought back hens & chickens. P.M. Took lesson.

Nov. 16

P.M. Commenced plowing 20 acre field with gang plow. George helped with single plow.

Nov. 17

Plowed all day.

Nov. 18

Plowed all day.

Nov. 19

Plowed all day. Got single plow pointed and sharpened. Bro. Baker & Dell came out. Left gang plow at shop & single plow to be sharpened.

Nov. 20 Saturday

Rained a little last night & this morning. Had Sabbath school. Auntie came up. Baker & Dell started home and came back again.

Nov. 21

I took the Bakers & their wheels to the summit. P.M. Lloyd & I plowed at ranch.

Nov. 22

Went to Oakland. Got money for Auntie \$20. for myself \$15. Went out for a lesson but Jimmie had gone. Lee & George plowed.

Nov. 23

Rained in the night. Fixed fence at Ranch and drove out horses and cattle. P.M. Went to Mrs. O'Neil's and got rose slips. Killed & cleaned 3 chickens.

Nov. 24

Rained again last night. Planted rose slips. In evening called at Shreve's, Keel's and Thomsons.

Nov. 25

Practiced songs with Ada. Planted Rose slips. Annie & boys went to baseball game at W.C. Shaved & got ready and all went to surprise party at Thomson's.

Nov. 26

Took lunch to men. Piled up lumber of old barn at Ranch.

Nov. 27 Saturday

After lunch went to Martinez and paid taxes. Auntie went with us. Planted rose bush at cemetery.

Nov. 28

Lee & I sowed 20 acre field to wheat with Thomson's seeder. Geo. harrowed. Sowed 10 sacks 1500 obs. P.M. Piled up lumber at Ranch. Jimmie B. called. Annie & I called on Mrs. Hodge.

Nov. 29

Geo. harrowed, Lee plowed. The boys & I planted peas & onions. Took lunch to men. P.M. Picked up lumber at Ranch. Annie & Sybil helped.

Nov. 30

Geo. & Lee finished plowing hillside piece. Took lunch to men. P.M. Lee sowed 3-2/3 sacks wheat hillside piece with Thomson's seeder. Geo. harrowed. Annie & I picked up kindling & lumber of old barn at ranch.

Dec. 1

Finished picking up the old barn. George & Lee plowed the ground where it stood.



Dec. 2 Thursday

Picked up boards & kindling of old fence around the old orchard at ranch.

Dec. 3

George & I hauled wood from ranch. Went to wedding party at Walnut Creek given to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Randall.

Dec 4

Lee put Blankenship's horses in pasture. Annie & Chester went with invitation to Miss Griffin's surprise party. All went to Miss G's surprise party.

Dec. 5

George & I finished getting out wood. P.M. Hauled boards & posts of orchard fence.

Dec. 6

Geo. & Lee plowed. I dug up old trees in orchard. Geo. helped grub out trees. P.M. Lee plowed. Geo. & I got bricks and trees out of the way.

Dec. 7

Lee & George plowed a little while in morning till rain drove them home. Had Jim & Nell shod. Fixed buggy wheels.

Dec. 8

Annie & I went to Oakland & to the City. Got 10.00 at bank. Looked at swings & buggies in Fricso. Got ring for Stella.

Dec. 9

Went again to Oakland in buggy. Got 10.00 more at Bank. Got toys for Chester & Sybil. Got home late.

Dec. 10

Got up late. P.M. Went to closing exercises at school. Children gave Miss Griffin & Miss Downey presents. In evening had a party at our house to the teachers.

Dec. 11 Saturday

Got up late. Miss Griffin went home. Mrs. O'Neil & Hazel called. Annie called on Miss Jennie.

Dec. 12

Fed last of hay in barn to horses. Hauled 4 bales from church to barn. Killed chicken for dinner. Auntie sold turkeys for 14¢ per lb. Annie & Stella called on Mrs. Thomson.

Dec. 13 Monday

Went to Oakland. Annie & Auntie went with me. Got home late.

Dec. 14

Rained during night. Men did not go to work. P.M. Men went to work.

Dec. 15

P.M. Sowed wheat & barley at ranch where the old house stood and barley in flat. Got sack of wheat & sack barley of Shreve \$3.00.

Dec. 16

Put out poison. Men finished harrowing. P.M. Went to work for Auntie.

Dec. 17

Took all the folks to Oakland to get their presents for Christmas.

Dec. 18 Saturday

Turned Pat & Blaze out to pasture. Jennie B. called. Also Mrs. J. Wilson. Mr. & Mrs. Wilson & boys expected this evening.

Dec. 19

Annie washed. The girls practiced song. In P.M. also - for Christmas.

Dec. 20

Annie & Ethel Thomson went around and got for the Christmas trio. I went to Thomson's in buggy. Stayed all night at Baker's.

Dec. 21

Buggy broke down coming home. Rode home with Jethro Hastings.

Dec. 22

Annie & Ethel went to Oakland to get candy, etc. for tree.

Dec. 23 Thursday

Mrs. Miliken brought the oranges. Ethel & I helped fill bags for the Christmas tree.

Dec. 24

Put up Christmas tree & helped make wreathes. Annie went to Walnut Creek with Mrs. Milikin to entertainment at Presbyterian Church. Stella & Lloyd & I trimmed our tree for the children and filled their stockings.



Dec. 25 Saturday

Merry Christmas--- P.M. Helped trim church for entertainment. Children practiced recitations & songs. All went to Christmas tree entertainment.

Dec. 26

Helped clean up the Church.

Dec. 27

Got Mrs. Keel's buggy for Annie & Stella & Sybil to go to Oakland. They stayed all night. Bert & Grant Hastings came out on a visit. 5 P.M. Got dinner for them & ourselves. For evening all went up to Grant Stevens. Hastings boys stayed all night.

Dec. 28

Got up late. Got breakfast for my company. Baker paid Annie \$15 on hay account. 4P.M. Annie & Stella & Sybil got home from town. Took Mrs. Keel's buggy home.

Dec. 29

P.M. Got table & etc. from the Church. Got 2 sacks barley at Shreve's \$2.35.

Dec. 30

Sowed lot near grainary to barley. Lloyd harrowed. Chester plowed. Took bath. Ruth Baker & Bert Elford came out from Oakland. All but boys & Sybil went to Ethel Thomson's party.

Dec. 31

Got up late. Had breakfast about 10 A.M. P.M. Auntie & girls went to Walnut Creek. Estella, Ruth & Lloyd stayed at Mrs. Keel's all night.

#### MEMORANDA

Choice rose - "Countess Riza du Parc".

No. of Lloyd's wheel - 13444.

Lee Isaac put Benny Blankenship's horses (2 black ones) in pasture Dec. 4/97.



Seed sown - 1897

Nov. 28 Sowed place where Lee lives to wheat.  
10 sacks 1500 lbs.

Nov. 30. Sowed 2 hillsides east from well.  $3\frac{2}{3}$  sacks wheat or about  
540 lbs.

Dec. 15. Sowed where barn & House was and hillside to the left.  
6 sacks wheat & 1 sack from Shreve's 7 sacks or 1024 lbs. Also

Dec. 15 P.M. Sowed flat & strip along foot of hill to Barley 5 sacks  
or 566 lbs.

Sat. Dec. 4. Lee put 2 horses in pasture for Benny Blankenship at  
1.50 per month each.

Benzoin Tincture 10¢.

For Atomizer -

At Malise Drug store

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#### Names & Addresses

Mrs. J Holt	1759 $\frac{1}{2}$ Howard St. S.F.
Mrs. W.S. Thurgood	543 C Castro St. S.F.
J.H. Millbrand	1660 8th St. Oak.
Miss Belle Stevens	171 Teaswell Ave. Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss L. Poley	218 - 12th St. near Howard
Mrs. Gardner	133 Page St. S.F.
Mrs. Willard Lottie & Paul	519 Jones St. S.F.



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Addendum

## Memoranda

1897

July 26	Mon.	Took 1st lesson
" 29	Thur	" 2nd "
Aug. 2	Mon.	" 3rd "
" 5	Thu.	" 4th "
" 9	Mon.	" 5th "
" 12	Thu.	" 6th "
" 16	Mon.	" 7th "
" 18	Wed.	" 8th "
" 18	Paid to Date	\$8.00

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Aug. 23	Mon.	Took Lesson	
" 26	Thu.	" "	
" 30	Mon.	" "	
Sept. 2	Thu.	" "	Song-"To Thee A Love"
Sept. 6	Mon.	" "	
Sept. 13	Mon.	" "	
Sept. 20	Mon	Paid \$8.00	

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Oct. 18	Mon.	1 lesson
Oct 25	"	1 lesson
Oct 28	Thu.	1 lesson
Nov 8	Mon.	1 lesson
Nov 15	Mon.	1 lesson
Paid up to Nov. 15		\$5.00

## Bills Receivable

1897

			Weight
Jan.			
" 8	15 Bales	Wheat Hay	3180
" 11	16 "	" "	3410
" 12	16 "	" "	3540
" 18	16 "	" "	3370
" 19	15 "	Oat Hay	3360
" 20	"	Wheat	

## Bills Payable

Price		
\$8.00	To Nash - Check	\$12.70
"	To White "	13.65
"	" " "	14.15
"	" " "	13.00
7.50	" Baker - Credit	12.60
9.00	" Bartlett - cash	